



# *Proclamation*

## *Presented to*

# Wenpei Li

**WHEREAS**, Wenpei Li, a distinguished artist born in Beijing, began his early artistic career with the designing of "The Legend of the Red" and the "Red Detachment of Women," two Beijing operas; these opera performances highlighted the contributions of working-class people of China and the important role of women in Chinese society; and

**WHEREAS**, Wenpei Li has received several national awards in China for outstanding art exhibits in Japan as well as China; he has received extensive media coverage, including in the *Beijing Daily News*, and more recently participated in the NHK Educational television program; and

**WHEREAS**, Wenpei Li was honored to have his artwork selected for the Beijing Olympic Games International Fine Art Exhibition, through which attendees of the Olympic games were able to experience the artwork of one of China's most accomplished contemporary artists; and

**WHEREAS**, Wenpei Li is among the most versatile artists of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century and has assumed the role of art consultant and art designer for the film, *The Drunken Beauty*, a cartoon rendition of a Chinese ink and watercolor Beijing Opera; and

**WHEREAS**, Wenpei Li's stunning paintings will be featured at the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Sumie Society of Hawai'i Exhibition at Honolulu Hale from April 15 to 26, 2013, along with 50 other *sumi-e*, or traditional and classic Japanese art of brush paintings, created by senior adult students of *Sensei Sachie Saigusa*; and

**WHEREAS**, Wenpei Li will be further honored at a special reception on Tuesday, April 16, 2013, from 10 a.m. to noon at Honolulu Hale;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor** for the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim April 16, 2013, as

## "WENPEI LI DAY"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in expressing our appreciation to Mr. Li for promoting friendship between Hawai'i and the Asian-Pacific community, and sharing his paintings that memorialize centuries of the rich, historical traditions of the Beijing Opera.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this tenth day of April 2013.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

SHAN S. TSUTSUI  
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i